



DOCKET NO: L0461.70102US00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

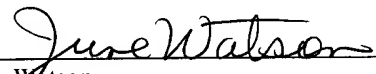
Applicant: Probst-Kepper et al.  
Serial No.: 09/786,214  
Confirmation No.: 6577  
Int'l Filing Date: September 3, 1999  
For: AN ANTIGENIC PEPTIDE ENCODED BY AN ALTERNATIVE OPEN  
READING FRAME OF HUMAN MACROPHAGE COLONY-  
STIMULATING FACTOR

Examiner: DiBrino, Marianne  
Art Unit: 1644

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to **Mail Stop Sequence**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the 2nd day of October 2003.

  
June Watson

---

**MAIL STOP SEQUENCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is responsive to the Communication mailed on September 26, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the specification are presented beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.